

## EUROPEAN CORN BORER QUARANTINE PROGRAM

### QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS

European Corn Borers overwinter in stalks, cobs and shanks of 1/2 inch or larger diameter. In order to exclude the Corn Borer, all corn, sorghums, broom corn, and sudan seeds shipped to states with a European Corn Borer Quarantine must be scalped (screened) over a 1/2 inch screen (either round or square holed). Railroad cars must be inspected for stalks and other debris and cleaned if necessary before loading. If scalping is done before loading and the clean grain is stored in a bin, that bin must be inspected to make sure it is free of debris. **Fumigation** may be substituted for screening, but quarantine states will **only** accept **Methyl Bromide** fumigation. Rejections will occur if the load is found to have debris of 1/2 inch or over or if live Corn Borers are detected. After rejection, depending on the receiving state's requirements, the load will either be fumigated, rolled, or screened at the shipper's expense. The Nebraska Department of Agriculture will inspect each elevator and screening equipment if rejections occur. Flagrant violation of the quarantine may result in a hearing and certificate revocation.

### APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION AND INSPECTION OF SCREENING EQUIPMENT

Annual application must be made for certification of screening facilities. Inspection of the screening facilities must be conducted on a regular basis by the elevator. The most recent inspection shall be reported at the time of application for certification.

### STATES REQUIRING EUROPEAN CORN BORER CERTIFICATION

Arizona\*, California, Florida, Idaho, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Texas\*\*, Utah, Washington, and the Canadian provinces of Alberta and British Columbia have a European Corn Borer Quarantine in effect.

#### ARIZONA\*

The Arizona Department of Agriculture has discontinued the screening requirements on milo which has been combine harvested, or is U.S. grade #3 or above.

#### TEXAS\*\*

European Corn Borer has been found in 15 counties in the panhandle of Texas. Those counties are Carson, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Gray, Hansford, Hartley, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Potter, Randall, Robert, and Sherman. European Corn Borer Certificates are not required for shipments into these 15 counties. Unfumigated and unscreened grain may be shipped through the Corn Borer free area of Texas if it is destined to a foreign port through a port elevator operating under the authority of the Federal Grain Inspection Service (F.G.I.S.). The European Corn Borer Certificate must accompany each car or truck lot from the state of origin stating that grain is for export only and must not be diverted to any other Texas point. A bill or bill of lading must carry notation that change of destination to other Texas points is not authorized except that grain may be diverted to another qualified port elevator.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please feel free to contact Cheryl Stejskal, Staff Assistant, or Vicki Wohlers, Program Manager/State Entomologist, at (402) 471-2394.

## COMPLETING THE EUROPEAN CORN BORER CERTIFICATE

On the left side of the certificate are three boxes to be checked. The first refers to the rail car inspection, the second equipment check, and the third the loading process to insure no recontamination.

COMMODITY Enter grain to be shipped - corn, sorghum, etc.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF ELEVATOR Enter the name and address of your elevator facility.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONSIGNEE Enter the name of the elevator where the grain is going to, not a broker.

QUANTITY OF SHIPMENT Enter the total amount in pounds or bushels.

CAR/TRUCK NUMBER If a truck is used to transport the grain, record the license number, name and address of the truck owner. Many elevators are utilizing UNIT TRAINS for shipment of grain. With UNIT TRAINS, one European Corn Borer Certificate may be used for all cars of the unit; however, all cars must be listed on the certificate or on a list attached. Some elevators make a photocopy of the certificate for each car because a car may be taken out of the unit due to mechanical problems. It is best to contact your depot agent to see how he prefers to handle the certificates with the UNIT TRAIN.

DATE SCREENED OR FUMIGATED Enter the date grain was screened or fumigated.

SIGNATURES The inspector signing the certificate must sign his name in full; no initials are to be used. The inspector is responsible for making sure that the shipment is free of stalks and debris over 1/2 inch in diameter.

MAIL IN CERTIFICATE IMMEDIATELY Mail the pink copy of the certificate to the address in the lower left hand corner. Do not stockpile the certificates. They are to be sent in immediately upon issuance. There have been rejections involving grain shipments into various European Corn Borer quarantined states. We need this copy to verify if a certificate is lost in order to release the shipment.

VOIDS All copies, even voided copies, are to be returned to this office.

LOST CERTIFICATES Certificates are sometimes lost en route to a destination. If this happens, contact the Nebraska Department of Agriculture. The respective state will be contacted by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture to obtain a release and will be sent a duplicate copy of the certificate from our file.

ORDERING EUROPEAN CORN BORER CERTIFICATES European Corn Borer Certificates are \$6.25 for a pad of 25 certificates. A check from your elevator must be received before the certificates will be sent.